489. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed new Chairman of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) to succeed Dr. Vergese Kurien; and

(b) if so, the name alongwith the qualification, age, experience of the new incumbent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) Dr. (Miss) Amrita Patel has been appointed Chairman of National Dairy Developement Board, vide Notification dated 26.11.98. The details are as follows:

Qualifications	:	Overseas Cambridge School Certificate Examination, B.V. Sc. & A.H. Degree, Advanced training in Animal Nutrition at the Rowett Research Institute, Aberdeen, U.K.
Age	:	55 Years
Experience	:	(i) Worked in National Dairy Development Board for more than 27 years with more than 10 years in the capacity of Managing Director.
		(ii) Worked as Animal Nutrition Officer in Kaira District Cooperative Milk Producers Union Ltd. for 6 years.
		(iii) Held many important position linked with Dairy, Livestock and co-operative sector.
		(iv) Received various Awards including "International Person of the Year" in the year 1997 by the World Dairy Expo, Inc, USA.

Floods in Bihar

490. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of loss of life and property due to the recent floods in Bihar and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the quantum of assistance given by Government to Bihar and other affected States as against the demand for relief and rehabilitation of the affected people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) The States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal were reportedly affected by floods, resulting in damage to life and property in varying degrees, besides loss of human life and heads of cattle. Inter-Ministerial Central Teams have visited the affected areas in the above State (except Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh) for assessment of the situation and have submitted their reports. The reports are in various stages of processing. The Memoranda received from Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh are under examination.

(c) The entire Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 1998-99 has been released to Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Karnataka, Kerala and Uttar Pradesh and three instalments of Central Share of CRF have been released to the Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Tripura and West Bengal in connection with immediate relief work. The Memoranda received from these States for assistance from